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FOR RP - CHAYCHAYADZE FROM HOGANSON

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SUBJ: AFGHAN REFUGEES RELIEF PROGRAM

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1. I RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD SATURDAY; DOCTORS GUINAN AND SARDULA FLEW BACK ON SUNDAY CONCLUDING NEARLY WEEK SOJOURN IN NWFP. WE VISITED REFUGEE TENT VILLAGES (RTV'S - GOP'S PREFERRED TERMINOLOGY) AT BAJAUR, MIRANSHAH AND IN VICINITY PESHAWAR, AS WELL AS MEETING WITH REFUGEE COMMISSIONER SHAHSHER ALI KHAN, UNHCR AND CARE AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS AND REPS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVED IN DELIVERY HEALTH CARE. DOCTORS GUINAN AND SARDULA ENJOYED UNEXPECTEDLY READY ACCESS TO TENTS AND, WITH ASSISTANCE OF INTERPRETERS AND COOPERATION OF OFFICIALS AND REFUGEES THEMSELVES, WERE ABLE TO GET STARTED ON SURVEY. CONSUL ARCHARD ACCOMPANIED US ON ALL TRAVELS AND FACILITATED OUR WORK TREMENDOUSLY.

2. WE SET FORTH MONDAY IN COMPANY OF EMBOFF SHELTON ON FORAY TO BALUCHISTAN WHERE WE SHOULD HAVE FULL DAY TUESDAY IN RTV'S IN VICINITY OF PISHIN, AND WILL RETURN TO ISLAMABAD BY PLANE WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

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3. DOCTORS HAVE REVIEWED THEIR PROGRESS THUS FAR AND

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CONCLUDE THAT WITH AN ADDITIONAL WEEK CONCENTRATING ON RTV'S IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF PESHAWAR THEY WILL HAVE SAMPLE FOR QUICK AND DUSTY SURVEY. TO THIS POINT THEY HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT FOUND EVIDENCE OF ONGOING OR OF WIDESPREAD SERIOUS MALNUTRITION. THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME AREAS OF PRIORITY CONCERN IN HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY, NOTABLY IN AREAS OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, AND WILL BE MAKING SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS WHICH SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO US AND OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED. THE ADDITIONAL WEEK SHOULD PROVIDE FIRMER BASIS FOR THEIR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF CONSUL PESHAWAR AND EMBASSY NECESSARY APPROVAL FOR THIS EXTENSION OF STAY HAS BEEN GIVEN BY GOP. DOCTORS THUS SHOULD COMPLETE FIELD WORK BY JULY 10. CHRIS HOLMES MAY WISH TO INFORM CDC (DON HOPKINS).

4. DOCTORS HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO PAY FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION WITHIN COUNTRY BECAUSE NEW ORDERS SEEM TO EXCLUDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS EXPENSE. HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO EXPEDITE NEW AMENDMENT WE HAVE REQUESTED SO AS TO RELIEVE THEM OF THIS BURDEN.

5. ALSO PLEASE DESCRIBE BRIEFLY WHAT "TECHNICAL" PROBLEMS STILL PERSIST ON RUPEE RELEASE TWO WEEKS AFTER ONB ALLOCATION LETTER SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS MATTER WITH EMBASSY IN EXIT CONVERSATIONS LATER THIS WEEK. IN MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION ON JUNE 29 QUESTION OF RUPEE AVAILABILITY AROSE WHEN WE PRESSED FOR EAO'S CONCURRENCE ON USING RUPEES FOR UNHCR AND CARE PROPOSALS. EMBASSY MUST BE READY TO MOVE WHEN GOP FLASHES GREEN LIGHT ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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6. INFORM CDC DR. HOPKINS, DR. SAINT JOHN THAT DR. GUINAN WILL PROCEED TO COPENHAGEN JULY 14 FROM ISLAMABAD. DR. SERDULA PLANS TO RETURN ATLANTA JULY 14. THEY WILL CONFIRM ITINERARY NEXT WEEK.
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